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Membership Meeting

Monday, 11 February

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 11 February at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The program will feature guest speaker Emily Roley who guides for the Taos Fly Shop. The title of her presentation is *From Tennessee to Taos: A Fishing Story*, in which she will discuss her beginnings in fly fishing and her evolution into a professional guide.

Doors will open at 6:30pm and cookies and coffee will be served.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 18 February

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 18 February following the General Membership meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 27 February

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 27 February at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room

starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *tbd*. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

President's Corner

David Carmichael

Annual Banquet Recap



It's February and another successful annual banquet is in the books. Once again, we had an excellent turnout with about 100 club members in attendance. Our guest speaker at the banquet was Molly

Semenik, who spoke with us about her book, *25 Best Off-the-Beaten-Path Montana Fly Fishing Streams*, published by Stonefly Press. The book is well written and very nicely illustrated, with many fine color maps and photographs (most taken by Molly herself). Miriam and I used the book last summer, and we found the maps to be especially well done; they are far more detailed and informative than those one sees in most fly-fishing books. There are also a lot of useful tips, such as what flies and rigs to use, details of wading conditions, and the best restaurants and bars to be found near each of the streams. We heard even more interesting details during the talk, like the story of a Little Yellow Sally hatch after dark, and close encounters with moose and mountain lions. In fact, the book contains one of the more detailed discussions of wildlife safety that I've seen in a fishing guidebook. Molly is a casting champion and Certified Instructor, so it should come as no surprise that her book includes a section on casting techniques for small streams. Molly donated one copy of her book to our raffle, and sold a dozen or so more after her presentation, but if you missed out and would like to purchase a copy, you can visit <https://stoneflypress.com> and pick one up, or go to Molly's webpage at www.tietheknotflyfishing.com.



Introducing author, outfitter, casting champion and Certified Instructor Molly Semenik

On Friday before the banquet, club members Lisa Meyer, Rick Wessel and I hosted Molly on a quick fishing trip to the club lease on the Rio Peñasco. Although it was cold in the morning, after enjoying a hot lunch of green chile stew, we were favored with clear skies, temperatures in the 60s, hardly any wind, and a substantial BWO hatch that lasted from about 11am to 2pm. Fishing was challenging, but everyone hooked some nice trout. Rick caught the largest, a nice brown trout that I estimated to be 18 inches, and the smallest, a 4-inch rainbow with parr marks. That small fish is a good sign, as it is a wild rainbow that resulted from successful reproduction on either our lease or on Mulcock Ranch upstream. There is more algae on the river bottom than I've seen in past winters, and that makes it tough to bounce nymphs along the bottom without snagging vegetation. Nevertheless, there are some quality fish out there, and the weather has been mild enough that fishing the lease was fun, even in the middle of winter. The deeper holes were by far the most productive areas.

Miscellaneous Club Business

There were several awards and other sorts of club business items announced at the banquet. First were the results of the election of club officers. At our last meeting of the Executive Board, the members voted to keep last year's officers in their current positions for the upcoming year. In other words, you're stuck with us for another year. However, we are hopeful that a few members who have not yet served on the Executive Board will come forward this year and bring some new perspectives and energy to the Board. Feel

free to contact any of the current Board members if you are so inclined.

We all know that if we didn't have a lease on the Rio Peñasco, we would probably have many fewer members. We are privileged to have ready access to such a nice little spring creek that is fishable all year, and it was a pleasure to present Jim and Earlene Ellett with a \$100 gift certificate to The Lodge in Cloudcroft as a token of our appreciation for allowing us to visit their property as our home waters.

It was an honor to present Ron Bellerose a framed Rio Grande cutthroat print (by Michelle Arterburn) as a thank you for his decade of service as Program Lead for Project Healing Waters. The framing was done by MAS Arts in downtown Las Cruces; they have done a great job with three such club awards, so if you need any framing done, check them out at 126 South Main. Ron will continue to work with our local vets and with the Warriors Resilience Battalion at Fort Bliss, but will be doing so outside the PHW administrative structure.



Ron Bellerose is honored for his 10 years as program lead for Project Healing Waters (Julie Mueller photo)

I would also like to thank the Executive Board for the Brodin Gallatin S2 landing net given to me on behalf of the club. It so happens that I fell on my old net and broke it, so this replacement is much appreciated. The job of club president is something of a commitment, but as I mentioned at the banquet, I am

very appreciative of all the help and support we receive from many club members. I am proud that we have a lot of resources in the club: members with special skills, talents or businesses that relate directly to our club mission in fly fishing, conservation and education. Just over the past couple of weeks, in connection with the banquet, we've seen several examples. We hosted Molly for dinner at Ardovino's Desert Crossing, owned by board member Robert Ardovino, and we all enjoyed the banquet meal catered by club members Josie and Teako Nunn, owners of Sparkey's in Hatch, home of the best green chile cheese burger in the state. Three of the four guided fly fishing trips we raffled off involve club members: Bob Widgren guiding at Trinchera Ranch, Dillon Martinez guiding for Wolf Creek Anglers, and Eric Claassen at the Taos Fly Shop. The Rio Grande cut-throat print used for Ron's award is by artist and club member Michelle Arterburn. We have another member, Tim Mack, who is a professional fly tier, and a number of board members who have business experience, legal backgrounds, desktop publishing skills, teaching experience and great organizational skills. The club has had another very active and successful year, but our programs and accomplishments would not be possible without the efforts of all the members who contribute in whatever ways they can. I thank you all.

Fly Fishers International

Prior to speaking at the banquet about the process of researching her book, Molly taught two fly casting classes in the morning that day, and led club members through the FFI Casting Skills Challenge on the following Sunday morning. We had 7 participants in the beginner class which focused on the "pick up and lay down" cast, the basic overhand cast, and an introduction to the roll cast. In the advanced class, 9 club members learned how to double-haul, and then we worked on the roll cast and how it transitions into spey and Skagit casting. On Sunday, about a dozen club members were introduced to the Bronze Level of the FFI Casting Skills Challenge. This activity was not so much about competition; rather the challenge provides a fun way to measure one's skills at casting for distance and accuracy while using a variety of casts commonly required in actual fishing conditions.



FFI Master Casting Instructor Molly Semenik demonstrating the roll cast.

In addition to being a casting champion, Molly is also a nationally recognized Master Certified Instructor in the FFI rating system. Moreover, she is a member of the Casting Board of Governors for FFI, and is one of the authors of the FFI fly casting skills curriculum. The main reason for conducting the skills challenge activity was to introduce it to club members and the MVFF Education Committee so that we can recreate the skills challenge for other club members on a regular basis. This will be a good way to help club members practice their casting and measure their improvement. The board members will be discussing how we might proceed with these activities in the coming months. If you would like to see more details



Jim Sorenson casting for distance and accuracy at the FFI Casting Skills Challenge event.

of how the casting skills and instruction activities are structured, check out the Fly Fishers International learning center on their website at <https://flyfishersinternational.org/Education/Learning-Center/Fly-Fishing-Skills>. In the next couple of months, FFI will also be providing ten new fly casting

videos that will be available at no charge for FFI members and non-members.

Please Support our Sponsors

Thanks to our Prizes Committee who really outdid themselves this year. Fifty-two prizes were given out to forty-six different club members, and you can find the list of prizes elsewhere in the newsletter. The top prizes this year included four guided fishing trips. To me, the trips are very special prizes; not only do they represent a relatively high dollar value, they also involve the donation of significant amount of professional knowledge and personal time by the guides who will accompany and teach the prize winners. New fly anglers can learn a lot from a guide, and even experienced fly anglers benefit from fishing with a guide from time to time. So, in case any of you have thought about booking a guided trip, I'd like to suggest you consider working with one of the companies who donated prizes to this year's raffle. Here are some links to get you started.

Bob and Lee Widgren, owners of Custom Fly Rod Crafters (www.flyrodcrafters.com) in Albuquerque, NM donated the Trinchera Ranch trip on which Bob will serve as the guide. Bob and Lee provide a complete line of rod building blanks, components, tools and supplies, including Sage, TFO, Arctos, Mystic and St. Croix blanks, Lemke reel seats, and epoxies. Give them a call if you're interested in building a rod, or if you'd like to arrange to have Bob introduce you to a piece of water (he guides for The Solitary Angler fishing club <https://thesolitaryangler.com>).

Noah Parker, owner of Land of Enchantment Guides (<https://loeglyfishing.com>) out of Velarde, NM donated a fly fishing trip for two. LOE guides work on waters throughout northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, although they are probably best known for their knowledge of the Rio Grande, Brazos and Chama rivers. Noah is a long-time good friend of the MVFF who has been a guest speaker at some of our club meetings, and has donated guided trips for our raffles several times. He is also a very active and outspoken proponent of fisheries conservation measures in New Mexico and Colorado.

Last summer club board member Dillen Martinez began guiding for Wolf Creek Anglers in South Fork, Colorado (www.wolfcreekanglers.com). The shop donated a float trip for two, for which Dillen will be the


guide. Wolf Creek Anglers specializes on fishing the upper San Juan, and 40 miles of Gold Medal water on the Rio Grande, which flows right past the shop in South Fork, as well as some of the small headwater streams in the surrounding area. You may remember that company owner Brad Shallenberger spoke to the club last year, and noted that his wife manages lodging on site, making South Fork a convenient destination.

Club member Evan Claassen is the newest member of the Taos Fly Shop guide staff (<https://taosflyshop.com>). Taos Fly Shop was started by well known guide and author Taylor Streit, and is now run by his son Nick. Nick was on the U.S. Junior Fly Fishing team that placed 2nd in the 1998 world fly fishing competition. These folks know how to catch fish. The staff guides on the Rio Grande, Rio Costilla, Conejos, Cimarron and Red Rivers. Everyone interested in fishing the Taos region should try to attend the next meeting of the general membership, as our guest speaker will be Emily Roley who also guides for the Taos Fly Shop.

February Guest Speaker

Our next meeting of the general membership will be on February 11. Our guest speaker will be Emily Roley who guides for the Taos Fly Shop. Emily is originally from Tennessee where she learned fly fishing in the Appalachian Mountains as a teenager. In 2014 she moved west and found a home with the Taos Fly Shop where she guides on all the major rivers in the area, including the Rio Grande, Conejos, Costilla, Cimarron and Red River. She founded the Taos Women's Fly Fishing Club in 2016. The title of her presentation is *From Tennessee to Taos: A Fishing Story*, in which she will discuss her beginnings in fly fishing and her evolution into a professional guide.



Hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be an interesting program. Check out the Lady Anglers column for information on a social event with Emily during her visit. See you there! 


Fly Fishing Outreach

Ron Bellerose
Coordinator



Focus is going great. Of the Vets that participate in the fly tying many are members of the MVFF. We had a Vet, who is also a member of the club, win one of the guided trips in the Annual Banquet drawing.

There is a change in the location for the fly tying on the second Tuesday of each month. Location will be 1773 Seldon Ave., Las Cruces, NM. This is my house and I have space to do the fly tying for the Vets. Also would like to invite anyone that is a beginner fly tier to join us. We meet at 9am and tie for a couple of hours.

For more information about the MVFF Fly Fishing Outreach Program contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com, also if you wish to volunteer to help out. 


Lady Anglers Update

Mary Hoffman



The Lady Anglers is a group of women MVFF members who love to fly fish and have fun doing it. Information on our activities is made available to women on our Lady Anglers e-mail list and

through announcements in the MVFF newsletter and at monthly club meetings. Beginners are welcome and the only requirement for joining us is MVFF membership. To join our e-mail list, or for more information, contact Mary Hoffman at 505-710-5229 or westerngirlnm@gmail.com.

Taos Fly Shop guide Emily Roley will be the guest speaker at the MVFF monthly meeting in Las Cruces on February 11th. Try to make this event if you can. The Lady Anglers will hear more from Emily about fishing in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado at a breakfast to be held on February 12th. 

MVFF Officers Selected

As defined in the Club By-Laws officers to serve for the coming year (2019) were selected at the January 2019 Board Meeting. Officers from 2018 volunteered to serve another term for 2019. They are President—David Carmichael, Vice-president—Tom Johnson, Treasurer—Chuck Mueller and Secretary—Jeff Arterburn.



Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

Jeff Arterburn, President



**Photos from the January 20, 2019
Nuestro Gila event on Whitewater
Creek**

Volunteers from the Gila/ Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers, helped introduce fly fishing to youths and families from the local Silver City group "Nuestro Gila" during a fishing event on Sunday January 20th at the Catwalk section of the Whitewater Creek gorge near Glenwood, NM. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and Mora National Fish Hatchery supported the event and stocked additional Gila trout, and volunteers from the New Mexico and National Wildlife Federations all helped out to make for a beautiful January day of spin and fly fishing, food and fun for all. With participants practicing catch and release or limited take, we all celebrate the legacy of Gila trout!



Catwalk families and volunteers listen to NMDGF introductions during the Nuestro Gila event Jan 20, 2019.



Catwalk volunteer instructor Bob Silver.



Students with a golden stringer of Gila trout.



Catwalk volunteer instructor Brad Shuster.



Fly fishing the Catwalk gorge.



A successful young angler.



Catwalk Gila trout released.



Aldo Leopold High School students fish a deep run.

GRG-TU Logo T-shirts to support local trout restoration and conservation efforts.

We have some beautiful new fund-raising for trout restoration and conservation T-shirts with the GRG-TU logo in colors: green-on-ivory, and peanut-butter-on-black (see photos). These are beautiful, well-made shirts for a great cause at only \$20 each. These are great stocking stuffers and presents for the holidays! Contact Jeff Arterburn for more details and to sign up as a volunteer: jeffgilatu@aol.com.



Green logo on ivory



Peanut butter logo on black



Annual Banquet Raffle Winners

Guided fishing trips:

- Taos Fly Shop, Julie Mueller
- Wolf Creek Anglers, Anna Dyson
- Trinchera Ranch with Bob Widgren, Robert Ardivino
- Land of Enchantment Guides, Chuck McNally

Winston 6 wt fly rod: Helen Zagona

Fishpond gear bag (club participation drawing): Tom Wobbe

Fishpond wading staff: Barb Quarrell, Amy Buesing

Umpqua Tailgater: Tracy Eslinger

Fishpond Burrito wader bag: Dave Carmichael

Project Healing Waters rod tube: Brad Shuster

Sage double rod cases: Julie Mueller, Jackie Pryor

Landing net: Deb Widger

Fly boxes with flies: Jeff Arterburn, Gary Forno

Sun gloves: Robert Ardivino, Bob Silver

Molly Semenik book: John Kennedy

Floatant: Brad Shuster, Dave Lucoski, Mary Brown, Peggy Wiatt

Nippers: Dave Lucoski(2), Jim Sorenson, Robert Ardivino, Ron Belanger

Tippet: Chuck Mueller, Gordon Wells, Miriam Carmichael, Mike Buechter, Dave Brown, Deb Hamlyn, Eva Harkness, Frances Curtis, Blaine Goss

Fishing Calendar: Evan Claassen

Fly Line: Chuck Mueller, John Martinez, Dave Brown, Ted Hopkins, Andi Carmichael

Leaders: Jackie Pryor, George Casper(2), Jim Ellett, Dave Brown, Chuck Willis, Lisa Meyer, Miles Dyson, Jeff Arterburn, Brad Shuster



Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible future outings and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let them know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to any of the Board members.

There are no specific trips being currently planned.



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Fly of the Month

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FFI Casting Competition with Molly



FFI Master Casting Instructor Molly Semenik demonstrating the roll cast



MVFF Annual Banquet 2019



MVFF Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 14, 2019

Submitted by Jeff Arterburn, Secretary

The MVFF Board meeting was called to order by David Carmichael at 7:00pm in the NMDG&F Conference room. Board members present were: Jeff Arterburn (Secretary), David Carmichael (President), Chuck Mueller (Treasurer), Bob Silver (Membership), Jim Sorenson, Jim Hulsey, Dillen Martinez and Ron Bellerose (designated acting board member for Tom Johnson). Board Members absent: Robert Ardovino and Tom Johnson (Vice President, is on a temporary leave of absence). No non-Board members were in attendance.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the December 10, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as published in the January 2019 issue of the newsletter.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Mueller presented the Treasurer's report with available current account balance statement of \$10,782.78. The report was accepted by the Board.
3. **Membership Report:** Bob Silver reported 235 currently active members, with several new members joining in January 2018.
4. **Fly Fishing Outreach:** Ron reported that they are still having fly tying sessions on the second Tuesday of each month, but will be changing fly tying location to Ron's home starting in February. A proposal for an event with the Wounded Warrior Transition Battalion is under consideration. Ron is working with Mark Gaddy, and will likely take place in July 2019 with a fly tying session on Friday and fishing trip on Saturday. For more information and volunteers interested in helping out with the MVFF Fly Fishing Outreach Program contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com).
5. **Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited:** Jeff Arterburn reported good attendance and interest in the booth at the Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo January 12-13, 2019, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. There were lots of good dis-

cussions, and interest in fly fishing classes, including from local 4H students, so we will be planning for a class this spring. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped host the booth that weekend: Ron Bellerose, Ted Hopkins, John Meritt, Chuck Rementer, Brad Shuster, Bob Silver and Michelle Arterburn.

We've been asked to help host a youth fly fishing event at the Catwalk with the local group "Nuestro Gila" based in Silver City on Sunday January 20th. The event is planning for about 15-25 minority youths, and our goal is to provide at least one mentor for each 3 students. This will be a lot of fun and there will be delicious fajitas prepared hot from a disco for lunch! Jason Amaro is coordinating the event so please RSVP to him if you'd like to volunteer by email: amaro_jason@hotmail.com. Trout Unlimited is changing the fiscal year end to March 31st beginning in 2019 in order to improve the efficiency of operations. The TU national organization will apply to the IRS for this on behalf of the entire exempt group, and each chapter and council must formally authorize TU national to include it in the application. We will not be required to file a 990N for the short fiscal year and the next 990N filing with the IRS will not take place until after March 31, 2020. The GRG-TU is selling new logo T-shirts (\$20 each) as part of fund-raising for trout restoration and conservation efforts. The colors are: green-on-ivory, and peanut-butter-on black (see photos in the newsletter). The shirts will be available for sale at the MVFF annual banquet and by contacting Jeff. Members wanting to help and sign up as volunteers are asked to contact Jeff Arterburn at: jeffgilatu@aol.com.

6. **NMSU American Fisheries Students:** No Report.

7. **Presentations and Events:**

The MVFF Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday January 26th, with great food catered by Sparky's. The dinner tickets will cost \$10 and will

include a raffle ticket. Bob Silver will send the raffle tickets to the membership via email, and Jim will set up sales on website so tickets can be purchased through PayPal. The banquet will be held at St. Paul's Methodist Church. A fee of \$250 is required for use of facilities and required staffing. The church requested that we leave 6 tables up after we are finished. David will pick up table cloths: 10 long rectangular and 20 round tables. Sparky's will provide coffee, and Chuck will supply the cups. Additional assignments: Chuck will bring the projector and Bob will bring the projection screen. The church will provide a microphone. The board authorized an appreciation gift for the Ellett's and David will pick that up. The board also authorized purchase of an appreciation gift for David for his service as President. The presentation will be featuring Molly Semanik talking about her most recent book titled "25 Best Off-the Beaten-Path Montana Fly Fishing Streams". She will also be offering fly fishing instruction (beginner and advanced sections) and a FFI-based "Skills Challenge" program. Molly will be arriving that Thursday evening and David will pick her up and has made arrangements for dinner and transport to the hotel. They will head up

to the Rio Peñasco to fish on Friday and others can meet at the lease at 9am. The Saturday classes will run from 9am-10:30am, and 10:30am - 12:00pm. The group will meet for lunch at *The Game*. Sunday from 9:30am-11am has been reserved for the Casting Challenge and participants can earn a certificate (bronze level). Dillen will reserve the NMSU permit for Sat-Sun.

The general meeting February 11, 2019 will feature guide Emily Roley, from the Taos Fly Shop, title to be announced. Mary Hoffman is planning to set up an extra meeting with the Lady Anglers on Tuesday.

8. **Rio Peñasco Lease:** Jim Sorenson will follow up on replacing outhouses.
9. **Other discussion items:** The current officers were re-appointed for 2019. Tom Johnson has requested a temporary leave of absence from MVFF Board. Ron Bellerose has been designated as an acting board member in his place.
10. The February MVFF Board Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

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Quick Look Contact Information**2019 Officers of the Club****Officers**

- **President:** David Carmichael (915) 204-7558
- **V-Pres.:** Tom Johnson (417) 684-7075
- **Secretary:** Jeff Arterburn (612) 720-3456
- **Treasurer:** Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045

Board Members

- **Position 1:** David Carmichael (915) 204-7558
- **Position 2:** Tom Johnson (417) 684-7075
- **Position 3:** Jeff Arterburn (575) 524-0773
- **Position 4:** Jim Hulsey (575) 524-1880
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- **Position 6:** Chuck Mueller (575) 647-4045
- **Position 7:** Bob Silver (575) 522-6325
- **Position 8:** Jim Sorenson (575) 525-1050
- **Position 9:** Dillen Martinez (505) 401-3640

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Membership Committee Chairman

- Bob Silver (575) 522-6325 membership@mvff.org

NMSU AF Student Representative

- Dillen Martinez (505) 401-3640

Current Email Addresses Needed

Many of the email addresses in our files are not current as members change to other internet providers. These addresses will not be distributed, but will only be used to relay club information or reminders for club meetings and other club events. Please send your address changes to membership@mvff.org.

Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Print

Help support the MVFF Habitat Restoration Projects and purchase a limited edition "Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout" print. This beautiful printing of an original watercolor of our native state fish is a limited series of 150 high quality 12 x 18 prints that are numbered and signed by New Mexico artist Michelle Arterburn. The cost of each individual print is \$25.00, with the proceeds dedicated towards habitat restoration projects. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. See the MVFF website for purchase.

**Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund**

The Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund is an endowed fund at New Mexico State University which is funded by MVFF member donations. Earnings from the fund are used to provide scholarships for students at NMSU majoring in fisheries or related fields.

The scholarship recipient is selected each April by the faculty members of the NMSU Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology.

Even though the fund is endowed additions can be made to it at any time. The larger the fund, the more earnings are available for award. If you are interested in contributing please make checks out to the **NMSU Foundation** and on the "for" line of the check, identify "Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund, for deposit only." All contributions are tax deductible. For any questions please contact one of the MVFF Officers or Board members. If you have not made a donation to the fund please give it consideration and help honor Norm and Donna Mabie.

***** REMEMBER *****

MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING LICENSES EXPIRE ON 31 MARCH

Membership Information

Membership is open to anyone who supports the activities of the club. Membership fees are shown below. Members are provided with the opportunity to attend informational monthly meetings, to purchase fishing access permits to the MVFF leased waters on the Rio Peñasco and to participate in other Club activities such as an annual awards banquet, casting clinics, fly tying classes, and Club sponsored fishing trips.

There are several options for the payment of dues. A family is defined as a club member, their spouse and all children 17 years of age or under.

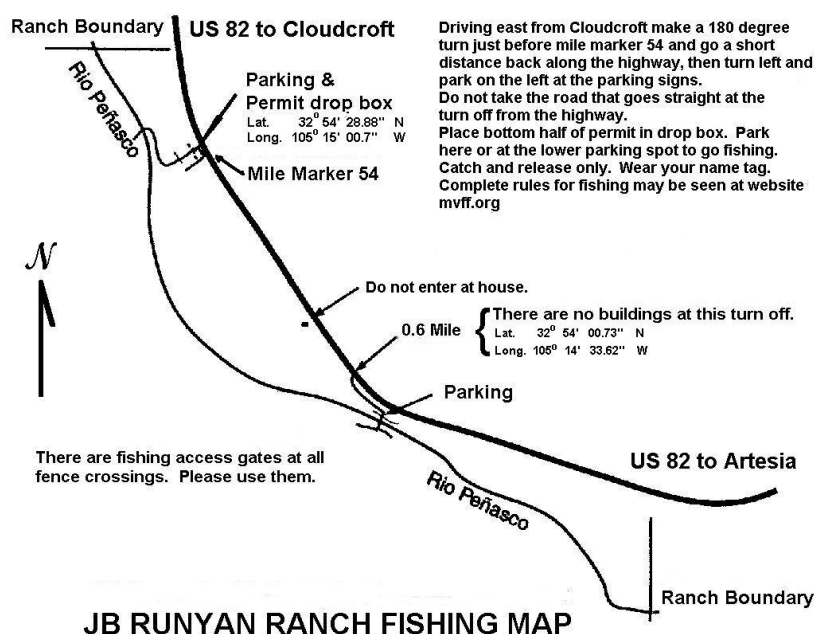
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| 1 Year | \$20 | Individual |
| | \$25 | Family |
| 3 Years | \$50 | Individual |
| | \$60 | Family |
| Life | \$400 | Individual |
| | \$500 | Family |

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulsey (575-524-1880) or Bob Silver (575-522-6325) in Las Cruces. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (575-687-3362) the night before to ensure someone will be there to sell them to you. Permits can be ordered through the club web page (mvff.org) by filling out the form and mailing as directed or, if you had rather, you may pay through PayPal. Cost is \$25.00 per day. Kids under 18 fish free but must be accompanied by an adult club member with a permit. You must be a current member (current dues have been paid) of MVFF to fish the lease. Please wear your MVFF identification badge while on the property. New or replacement badges can be obtained by contacting Bob Silver. In addition, members may purchase 1-day, 1-time permits for up to 2 guests per trip. Each guest must have a permit. One-time means a person can go as a guest one time only and must be a member to ever go again.

Directions to the Lease:

Follow NM 82 east from Cloudcroft, NM or west from Artesia, NM. The turn off to the lease is located on the right side of the road about 100 yards before mile marker 54 coming from Cloudcroft or 100 yards on the left past mile marker 54 coming from Artesia.



MESILLA VALLEY FLYFISHERS, INC.

PO Box 2222

Las Cruces, NM 88004-2222

Membership and/or Permit Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work/Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ email: _____

Are you a current member? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you need a name badge? _____ Yes _____ No

New Membership _____ or renewal _____?

Membership Categories: Individual Family Circle the one desired.

1 Year \$20 \$25

3 Years \$50 \$60

Life \$400 \$500

For family membership: Name of spouse _____ No. of children _____

Note: All memberships expire on 31 March. New memberships received on or after
1 January will expire on 31 March of the following year.

_____ Membership fee if applicable \$_____

_____ Adult Permits @ \$25 per permit = \$_____

Total =\$_____

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.